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For : SYSTEM FOR COUPLING PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC

DEVICE TO EXTERNAL CIRCUITRY WHICH SELECTS A

LOGIC STANDARD AND USES BUFFERS TO MODIFY

OUTPUT AND INPUT SIGNALS ACCORDINGLY

Group Art Unit : 2819

Examiner : Daniel D. Chang

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

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These references are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and copies of them are enclosed.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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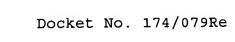
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Sir:

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[X] copies of all references cited, for the aboveidentified patent application.

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